

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A release sheet comprising a substrate and a cured coating formed on the substrate, wherein the substrate is selected from the group consisting of paper, synthetic resin film and synthetic fiber fabric, and wherein the cured coating is formed from a silicone coating composition consisting essentially of as essential components,

(A-1) 100 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane having at least two alkenyl groups each directly attached to a silicon atom in a molecule, represented by the average compositional formula (i):



wherein  $R^1$  is independently a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon group exclusive of alkenyl groups,  $R^2$  is an alkenyl group, a and b are numbers:  $0 \leq a \leq 3$ ,  $0 < b \leq 3$  and  $1 \leq a+b \leq 3$ ,

(B-1) an organohydrogenpolysiloxane having at least three hydrogen atoms each directly attached to a silicon atom (i.e., SiH groups) in a molecule, represented by the average compositional formula (ii):



wherein  $R^1$  is as defined above, c and d are numbers:  $0 \leq c \leq 3$ ,  $0 < d \leq 3$  and  $1 \leq c+d \leq 3$ , in such an amount that the moles of silicon-bonded hydrogen atoms is 1 to 5 times the moles of alkenyl groups in component (A-1),

(C) 5 to 150 parts by weight of a silicone rubber fine powder having an average particle size of 0.5 to 20  $\mu m$ , and

(D-1) a catalytic amount of an addition reaction catalyst.

2. (Original) A silicone coating composition comprising as essential components,

(A-2) 100 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane having at least two silanol groups in a molecule, represented by the average compositional formula (iii):



wherein  $R^1$  is independently a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon group exclusive of alkenyl group, e and f are numbers:  $0 \leq e \leq 3$ ,  $0 < f \leq 3$  and  $1 \leq e+f \leq 3$ ,

(B-2) an organohydrogenpolysiloxane having at least three hydrogen atoms each directly attached to a silicon atom (i.e., SiH groups) in a molecule, represented by the average compositional formula (ii):



wherein  $R^1$  is as defined above, c and d are numbers:  $0 \leq c \leq 3$ ,  $0 < d \leq 3$  and  $1 \leq c+d \leq 3$ , in such an amount that the moles of silicon-bonded hydrogen atoms is 5 to 200 times the moles of silanol groups in component (A-2), or

an organopolysiloxane having at least three hydrolyzable groups each directly attached to a silicon atom in a molecule, represented by the average compositional formula (iv):



wherein  $R^1$  is as defined above,  $R^3$  is a hydrolyzable group, g and h are numbers:  $0 \leq g \leq 3$ ,  $0 < h \leq 3$  and  $1 \leq g+h \leq 3$ , in such an amount that the moles of hydrolyzable groups is 5 to 200 times the moles of silanol groups in component (A-2),

(C) 5 to 150 parts by weight of a silicone rubber fine powder having an average particle size of 0.5 to 20  $\mu m$ , and

(D-2) a catalytic amount of a condensation reaction catalyst.

3. (Previously Presented) A silicone coating composition consisting essentially of as essential components,

(A-1) 100 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane having at least two alkenyl groups each directly attached to a silicon atom in a molecule, represented by the average compositional formula (i):



wherein  $R^1$  is independently a substituted or unsubstituted monovalent hydrocarbon group exclusive of alkenyl groups,  $R^2$  is an alkenyl group, a and b are numbers:  $0 \leq a \leq 3$ ,  $0 < b \leq 3$  and  $1 \leq a+b \leq 3$ ,

(B-1) an organohydrogenpolysiloxane having at least three hydrogen atoms each directly attached to a silicon atom (i.e., SiH groups) in a molecule, represented by the average compositional formula (ii):



wherein  $R^1$  is as defined above, c and d are numbers:  $0 \leq c \leq 3$ ,  $0 < d \leq 3$  and  $1 \leq c+d \leq 3$ , in such an amount that the moles of silicon-bonded hydrogen atoms is 1 to 5 times the moles of alkenyl groups in component (A-1),

(C) 5 to 150 parts by weight of a silicone rubber fine powder having an average particle size of 0.5 to 20  $\mu m$  and having been surface coated with polyorganosilsesquioxane, and

(D-1) a catalytic amount of an addition reaction catalyst.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Previously Presented) The silicone coating composition of claim 2 wherein the silicone rubber fine powder (C) has been surface coated with polyorganosilsesquioxane.

6. (Previously Presented) A release sheet comprising a cured coating of the silicone composition of claim 2.

7. (Previously Presented) A release sheet comprising a cured coating of the silicone composition of claim 3.

8. (Previously Presented) The silicone coating composition of claim 2, which consists essentially of the essential components (A-2), (B-2), (C) and (D-2).

9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) The release sheet according to claim 1, wherein the substrate is selected from the group consisting of wood-free paper, clay coated paper, mirror coat paper, polyethylene laminate paper, glassine paper, and kraft paper.